

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT**  
**Land Planning Agency/Planning and Zoning Commission**  
**AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Text Amendment To The Recreation And Open Space Element Of Vision 2020 To Add A Policy To Allow Use Of Particular Recreation Lands For Possible Future Water-Related Utilities And Services.

**DEPARTMENT:** Planning and Development **DIVISION:** Planning

**AUTHORIZED BY:** Matthew West **CONTACT:** Dick Boyer **EXT.** 7382

**Agenda Date** 04/03/02 **Regular** ☐ **Consent** ☐ **Work Session** ☐ **Briefing** ☐  
**Public Hearing – 1:30** ☐ **Public Hearing – 7:00** ☒

**MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend the proposed text amendment to the Recreation and Open Space Element with findings, if any, to the Board of County Commissioners for transmittal to the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

**PROPOSED POLICY:**

**Policy REC 7.8 – Preservation of Future Water Supply Options**

The County shall allow both facilities and services expansion of previously existing water-related utilities, including the addition of new water-related services, on those lands assigned a future land use designation of Recreation provided that they obtain all appropriate approvals.

**BACKGROUND:**

As part of the Wekiva Global Compliance Agreement (1999) and consistent with the Board's Resolution 2001-R-139, the northern one third of the County's Yankee Lake Property located in the northwest corner of the County is now in the process of being amended from its current future land use designations of Public-Quasi Public and Conservation to a designation of Recreation (see FLU02S.ADM1). On the southern two-thirds of this property, the County currently owns and operates the Northwest Regional Waste Water Treatment Facility, a water-related utility providing service to the northwest portion of the County and the I-4 commercial/business corridor.

The St Johns River Water Management District (District) identified in its District Water Supply Plan 2000 report that the Central Florida region could expect to see significant demands for potable water by the year 2020 and proposed a number of alternatives to meet that water shortage including increased water rates, increased use of reuse water and additional conservation methods and enforcement. The District's report also noted the possible need for additional water utility infrastructure such as the construction of a surface-water treatment plant to utilize water from the St Johns River. Since that initial report, the District has re-evaluated the region's water supply and demand equation and now

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co Atty: REC  
 DFS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: AC  
 DCM: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CM: \_\_\_\_\_

File No. 02S.TXT03

states that the region's need for additional potable water supplies and the infrastructure to provide that water may occur much earlier than previously forecast.

Given that the County's Yankee Lake property is among the possible sites that have ready access to the river and sufficient land area for such a utility and given that the property currently has the proper land use designation and zoning for such a use (Public-Quasi Public/A-1), the County would like to preserve its existing right of being able to construct such a water-related utility on the property in the future should the need for additional water supplies become an overriding regional issue. This proposed policy addition to the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Seminole County Comprehensive Plan, Vision 2020, is designed to preserve that right.

This text amendment will "piggyback" with the other text amendments to the Comprehensive Plan (revision to eight elements in Vision 2020) and at the BCC's direction be transmitted the Department of Community Affairs for review with the other Vision 2020 amendments.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None